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College education important today

Although job training is still the first duty of young men and women, students should never lose sight of the values resulting from a complete education, Dr. Wilfred Payne, humanities head, told parents and students at the university's annual reception Oct. 27. The university educator spoke on the subject "Education for Security."

Dr. Payne advised the young person to plan now for the future. Lack of a college education today, he said, may prove a hindrance to success when the war is over.

In the absence of President Rowland Haynes, Dr. Payne read a message from the president pointing out to students four certainties they will face:

(1) When the war is over thousands from the armed forces and war industries will be looking for jobs here and elsewhere; (2) men and women of college age will be especially hard hit since competition always strikes hardest at the beginning and ending age groups; (3) the best trained young people will have the best chance of weathering this competition successfully; (4) a college education will pay dividends over a period ten times as long as it takes to get it.

John W. Lucas, dean of students, presided and introduced adminis-

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War fund drive is over top—Starring

Despite fewer people giving this year, the university's war and community fund campaign went over the top again with several dollars to spare.

Faculty and staff contributions amounted to \$892.50 this year as compared to \$887.50 a year ago. There were 101 individuals contributing in the 1942 campaign and only 94 this year.

The student drive netted \$41.62, making a total university contribution of \$934.12. Arthur Hughes was in charge of the student campaign. Robert W. Starring was general chairman.

Students visit Glenwood

Members of Dr. Leslie O. Taylor and Miss Frances E. Wood's educational and psychology classes visited the Glenwood State Hospital for the Feeble Minded Oct. 27.



Jean Pratt has been named business manager of student publications, it was announced this week by Charles Hoff, finance secretary.

Miss Pratt is also president of the senior class and intersorority council. She has been a member of Feathers and W. A. A. and has served on two Maie Day commit-

tees. She also belongs to Sigma Tau Delta, honorary English fraternity, and Sigma Chi Omicron, social sorority, of which she was president last year.

She entered Omaha university as a sophomore after a year at Hollins college in Virginia.

Your reporter finds that feathers are something different at O. U.

Freshmen and new students are learning a new definition for feathers.

Not only are they the things that make you laugh when swished under your nose or the things that a bird has to keep him warm, but, mind you, at Omaha university a Feather is a gal who runs around in a red sweater and black skirt.

Feathers is the local chapter of Phi Sigma Chi, a national service fraternity for college women. The group has existed in some form or another since the early 1920's, and has been affiliated with Phi Sigma Chi since 1937.

The original intent of Feathers was to act as a pep organization and to serve as the cheering section at games. A minor purpose was to perform school and community service. Now this secondary aim has become the chief one (guess why). According to the constitution, full strength is 50 members, 30 Greeks and 20 independents. This figure was set up when there were more than 1,000 students. Membership now stands at a little less than half, including pledges.

The officers at the present time

are Annette Klein, president, and Phyll Iverson, recording secretary. Miss Klein is also corresponding secretary of the national organization. Other actives are Jackie Maag, Raedene Pegden, and Bobra Suiter.

The 17 pledges really have to toe the mark. First of all, pledges must be of at least sophomore standing, must have school eligibility, and must have received the favorable vote of a majority of the actives. Pledgeship continues for one year.

The Feather costume consists of a black skirt, pointed white collar, cardinal-red sweater, red anklets, and flat shoes. The triangular emblem on the sweater has the Greek letters Phi Sigma Chi in the three corners and an "O" with a feather through it in the center.

Activities for the year consist of a Christmas party for Feather members and a vice-versa dance in the spring, (if men are still available). A bond booth will be placed outside the cafeteria one day a week as soon as arrangements are completed. Feathers also attend all convocations in a body.

To elect princess Nov. 29th

Homecoming this year at the university has been set for Dec. 3, it was announced Friday by the student council. Feature of the event will be a dance from 9 to 12 in the auditorium highlighted by the presentation of the Homecoming Princess.

Petitions for candidates for Homecoming Princess may be obtained Nov. 15 in the office of the dean of students. Only senior girls who will graduate in June are eligible. Petitions must be returned by 6 p. m. Nov. 22.

Election for the Homecoming Princess will be Nov. 29. Adele Pangle and Don Swanson are on the election committee.

Members of the Homecoming committee are Roberta Green, Wallace Rankin, Keith O'Keefe and Dorothy Drishaus.

Freshmen exhibit talent at convo

Freshman talent was exhibited for the first time this year at the yearling convocation Friday.

Keith O'Keefe was master of ceremonies with Robert W. Starring, convocation committee member, in charge.

Music was provided by Ruth Peterson, violinist, who played "Romance" by Svendsen, accompanied by Willie Marie Sullenger; Betty Bertlshofer, pianist, presented "Autumn Nocturne" and "Stardust" by Hoagie Carmichael. Solos were also presented by Robert Roy, cornetist, accompanied by Betty Bertlshofer; and Virginia Winholtz, pianist. "Come Up from the Fields, Father," by Walt Whitman, was read by Patricia Neevel, accompanied on the piano by Clayton Cowan.

Jesse and Janice Rodman sang "Put Your Arms Around Me, Honey," and "Say a Prayer for the Boys Over There." Clayton Cowan accompanied them.

An acrobatic dance was given by Beverley Nielsen, with Betty Bilunas at the piano.

Dr. Brown speaks at Town and Gown meet

The word "materialism" has been more abused than almost any other term in philosophy, Dr. Stuart G. Brown of Grinnell college told members attending the opening meeting of the Town and Gown club at the University of Omaha Thursday evening.

Bond booth

Now is your chance to buy more war bonds and stamps. The bond booth in the hall outside the cafeteria will be open every Wednesday noon from 11:30 to 1 so that students and faculty may purchase stamps and bonds. Feathers, women's pep organization, is in charge of the booth.

MAESTRO DUNCAN



Although the figure on the left may be more familiar to university students than the scrubbing soldier on the right, they are both Richard E. Duncan, formerly of the university music department and director of the choir and orchestra.

Private Duncan is now attached to the headquarters company of the engineers replacement training center at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He was stationed at Fort Omaha for three months after being inducted last May.

During his four years in Omaha, Duncan was also conductor of the Omaha Symphony orchestra and director of the Omaha Light Opera company.

PRIVATE DUNCAN

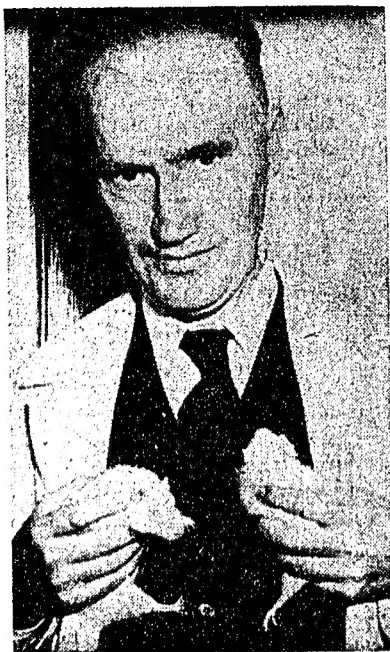




Mus norvegicus albinus--rats to you Gammas gambol at weekend camp

BARBARA MUIR

Hidden away in a little room on the third floor is an interesting colony of mus norvegicus albinus—rats to you. They are the delight of



Dr. Russel Derbyshire, who uses them for class and experimental purposes.

The white rats live in sanitary

wire cages and spend most of the day sleeping, resembling, in this respect, some of the upperclassmen. Because they sleep during the day, they are fed about dusk when they wake up.

"I never feed my rats anything I wouldn't eat myself," declared Dr. Derbyshire. "Rats are cautious about what they eat and will smell a new food a long time before they touch it. They like their vitamins, too, for they eat oranges, lettuce, carrots, and milk. I also feed them a special rat food which contains cod-liver oil among other things."

The average rat lives three years. Then it usually dies of pneumonia, according to Dr. Derbyshire. Rats are highly susceptible to pneumonia, and several of his have symptoms of it at the present time.

"Rats are exceptionally clean," laughed Dr. Derbyshire. "One of mine used to get into a coal bin, and you can imagine what a white rat would look like after that. I put him in the cage with the others, and they immediately began to clean him off."

The university zoologist uses rats in his work instead of guinea pigs because they can be raised faster, have larger litters, and take less food. Rat litters range from 1 to 30, but the largest litter ever raised in the laboratory here was 13.

JEANNE LeNOIR

The group of baggy-eyed, yawning Gammas dragging themselves around school last Monday and a box of weiners and buns were the only remnants of an overnight stay at Camp Harriet Harding.

Too bad about the girls who had to push the stalled bus up the hill in all the rain and mud, but what's a few galoshes filled with mud.

Gamma songs, apples, popcorn, and toasted marshmallows lasted until 4 a. m. Flannel shirts, jods and slacks, bandanas, and mittens served as pajamas. As was expected, Liz showed up with the tell-tale green and black striped ruffle of her pajamas peeking under her slacks.

Not that it was cold or anything, but crowding four people in a little bunk and piling up the covers did help a little. The four gals who decided to lay under their mattress weren't so dumb either.

After part of a night of unsound sleep, the lucky pledges were shoved out of bed to start breakfast. The coffee was something in spite of the pepper and dishwater contributed by two pledges. (Don't worry, Dris and Pan, we won't mention names.)

The only casualty of the overnight stay was Smitty. Norm got a little too rambunctious practicing judo, and Smitty's arm was thrown out of joint. Liz, thanks to her first-aid knowledge, patched things up.

Three former students awarded air medals

Three Omahans who two years ago completed the air-training institute sponsored by the University of Omaha and the Elks club have recently received flying awards, according to word received here.

Lt. Elias Dahir is now home on leave after completing 50 flying fortress missions in the Mediterranean war area. He has been given the distinguished flying cross and the air medal and was a member of the first flying mission to bomb Rome.

Lt. Allen Bloom is also a recipient of the DFC. He is a member of the fifth army air force and had the honor of being the first man ever to take photographs of enemy held territory in the army's new one-man reconnaissance plane.

Lt. Robert Salling was given the air medal for participating in five bombing raids in the south Pacific area.

All three were members of the third unit of the air-training institute. A class of 20 is now completing its second week of work here. More than 300 have completed the course to date.

Reunion held for former psychology staff members

A reunion of former and present members of the university psychology staff was held Oct. 30 at the home of Jeanne Chenoweth, in honor of Y 1/c Ralph Thornton, who was on leave from active duty at Pearl Harbor.

Other former members included Virginia Brown, now acting as psychological supervisor of the Iowa State Child Welfare bureau; Lois Hindman, a member of the educational psychology department staff at the University of Nebraska; and Jeanne Fallers of Woodward Iowa, assistant to the supervisor at the Woodward State hospital.

Others attending the reunion were Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Miss Frances Edwards, Pat Thornton, Pat Langston, Nan Freeman and Mary Peck.

Recordings were made for the other former staff members still at Pearl Harbor.

Playday a success



In spite of rain which cancelled all outdoor plans, 56 Omaha and Council Bluffs high school girls attended the W.A.A.'s annual playday at the university Oct. 30. Visitors played volleyball, cage ball, deck tennis, shuffleboard, ping-pong, and bowled and square danced.

High school students were divided into eight teams named WACS, WAFS, SPARS, RED CROSS, USO, WAVES, WASPS and AWLS. To keep the program running smoothly there were W.A.A. hostesses for each team—Mary Ellen Cabbage, Betty Ross, Jane Sauter, Edith Holmes, Jean Holland, Joanne Kurtz, Marcella Gladowski, and Jean Shapland. Serving as referees were Betty Drapalik, Maxine Paulsen, Betty Nygaard, Garnet Havelka, Mildred Johnson, and Bernardine Bailey.

Mrs. Doris Lyman, women's physical education director, was in charge of square dancing.

Paula Wagner was in charge of the entertainment, which featured Jane Griffith and her violin, accompanied by Alabelle Hunter. A style show of gym clothes had Jackie Maag dressed in the tennis garb of 1909, Jean Shapland ready for an average gym class, Doris Smith in a perfect hockey outfit, and Edith Holmes as a volleyball enthusiast.

"Down by the Old Mill Stream" and "Ma, He's Making Eyes at Me" were sung by Jean Holland and pantomimed by Jackie Maag, Betty Ross, Betty Perry, and Dorothy Rice. They were accompanied by Virginia Stone. Lunch was served in the cafeteria.

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University has three sets of twins this semester



Left to right—Eddie Jones, the Shepard, the Morgan and the Rodman twins.

By EDDIE JONES

Everything seems to come in pairs—hands—feet, and even women. Omaha U. rates three pairs of twins this semester—a bit confounding—but amoozin'.

You may think you're seeing double when you look at Jean and Jane Shepard and Mary and Gwen Morgan but look twice and you'll see there are two of each. You won't have as much trouble seeing double when you look at Jessie and Janice Rodman, who are identical only as

to their likes and dislikes.

Mary and Gwen Morgan not only look alike, but think and act alike. Their taste in music runs to popular songs, and they both like swimming, ice skating, bowling and dancing. On one point alone they disagree—that is men, although they have decided they can't be too particular nowadays.

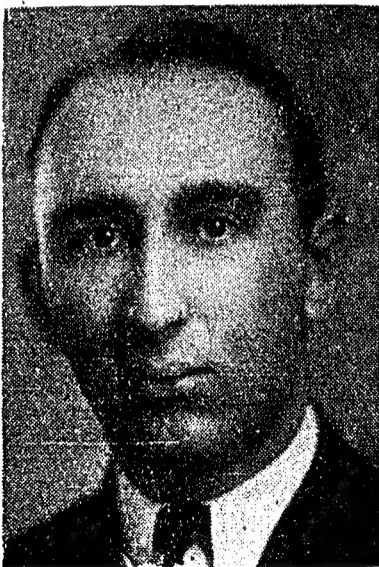
Jean and Jane Shepard don't think they resemble one another, but no one would ever agree with them. Graduates of Benson High

school, they are both interested in stenography and are active members of Benson Presbyterian church. They agree on most any subject, enjoy ping pong more than any other sport.

Jessie Rodman has red hair, is about two inches shorter than "Janice with the light brown hair". Now residents of Ralston, Nebraska, they graduated from Glenwood High school. Their interest in music is mutual and they have sung duets since the age of four.

AAUP chooses Noyce president

Dr. William K. Noyce has been elected president of the Omaha university chapter of the American Association of University Professors. Other officers who will serve during the current year are Dr. Benjamin Boyce, vice president; Miss Elizabeth Kaho, secretary; and Mrs. Pearl Weber, treasurer.



DR. NOYCE

The first meeting of the year was held a week ago today. During the first part of the evening the club met on the south parking lot to observe some of the stars and planets through the telescope. The remainder of the evening was spent in the clubroom discussing the general topic of astronomy. Dr. Noyce was speaker.

Dr. Leslie O. Taylor and Miss Gertrude Kincaide served as host and hostess for the social hour.

Dodds thanks

Dr. Payne

Dr. Wilfred Payne, philosophy professor, received a letter last week from Dean John W. Dodds of the school of humanities, Stanford university, thanking him for his information on humanities courses at Omaha university. The Stanford professor had previously inquired about the humanities setup here.

THE FRESHMAN CORNER

BARBARA MUIR

Eleanor Steinman and a little canine friend of hers have been having a good time out on the hockey field. Have you shown any symptoms of hydrophobia yet, Eleanor?

Some of the freshman fellows have discovered why upperclassmen keep those wooden paddles in their lockers. Ralph Marrs is an obedient little freshman, and he has a most individualistic way of wearing his cap.

People who feel that they haven't been as good as they might have been during their stay here should

feel perfectly at home among the Phi Delta Psi pledge dance decorations.

Jean Segelberg, Pansy Crozier, Betty Bertishofer, and Dorothy Drishaus are on the black list as far as some of the Gamma actives are concerned because of their wicked activities on the Gamma overnight. The actives don't care for pepper and dishwater in their coffee, and then when the pledges poured it on the ground to escape drinking it, the actives were really quite annoyed!

Soldiers are guests

A combination weiner roast-dance, with enlisted men at Fort Crook as guests, was sponsored by Sigma Chi Omicron sorority Friday evening in Miller Park. Jane Griffith is president of the sorority.

COLLEGE

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trative officers. He also discussed the university's counselling procedure, pointing out that it is designed to help the new student adjust himself quickly to college life. Following the speaking program, parents were given an opportunity of talking with members of the faculty.

Music was provided by a string trio, composed of Mary Alice Johnson, Shirlee Balaban and Virginia Heidknapp. Miss Johnson also played a piano solo.

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